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MEMORANDUM FOR: AD/CR

SUBJECT : Agency Publication Board's Staff Study on Public  
Dissemination

1. The extent to which OCR could maintain "an office of record of public disseminations" and advise on such dissemination is limited. In order to advise on dissemination, it would be necessary I believe for OCR to have some ground rules as to what part of the public should be considered and what volume of copies could be provided.

2. The AD/CR memorandum to DCI dated 6 June 1958 on "Policy on Dissemination of CIA Translations," stated that CIA will not disseminate its materials directly to the public, but will cooperate with interested government agencies to effect dissemination through their channels ... Also "CIA will not print nor will it underwrite the cost of reproduction of copies disseminated to the public."

3. I suggest that OCR's role in disseminating CIA produced material to the public be limited to establishing "outlets" such as Department of Commerce (OTS), the Library of Congress and National Science Foundation. This means, of course, that the Agency would not be given credit with the public as the publisher of material disseminated in this manner.

4. The draft paper states that "Official Use Only" may be dropped by the Deputy concerned, on the request of the publishing office and with the concurrence of AD/CR ... and the publication becomes unclassified. This statement is erroneous because such a publication is already unclassified (CIA Regulation R-50-700, paragraph 3 i) and the AD/CR merely assures that the originating office has obtained the necessary clearances. This is usually accepting a statement to that effect. However, there has never been any regular dissemination direct to the public performed by OCR. Even in the case of the "Provisional Atlas" published by ORR, the actual distribution to the public was handled by the Contact Division, Office of Operations.

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